

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885, 1888, AND 1891;" AND "THE REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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## IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1896.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of January, 1896: also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885, 1888, and 1891," and "The Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1895, . . .	170,791		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . .	326	180,017	By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1895, . . .	4,346	
			" in month of January, 1896, . . .	13	4,258
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	9,868		By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1895, . . .	157,348	
Do. in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	45	9,414	" in month of January, 1896, . . .	194	197,472
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	28,975		Dismissed—		
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . .	13	28,988	To 31st December, 1895, . . .	7,883	
			In month of January, 1896, . . .	16	7,899
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	735		Struck out—		
" received in Jan., 1896, . . .	17	752	To 31st December, 1895, . . .	35,507	
			In month of January, 1896, . . .	21	35,398
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st December, 1895, . . .	1,368		Withdrawn†—		
Do. in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	7	1,375	To 31st December, 1895, . . .	14,471	
			In month of January, 1896, . . .	—	14,471
Total, . . .	—	230,546	Total disposed of, . . .	—	219,428

\* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (ix.), page 7.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1895,	48	118	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	—
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	70		" in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	38	By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	—
Do. in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	88		" in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—	
			Dismissed— To 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	—
			In month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—	
			Struck out— To 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	3
			In month of January, 1896, . . . . .	3	
			Withdrawn*— To 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	—
			In month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—	
Total, . . . . .	—	156	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	3

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## (b.) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 53, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	116,371
Do., do. in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	117
Total, . . . . .	116,788

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	1,430	1,442	Number disposed of to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	2,369
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	12		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	6
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	38	36		
Do. in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	1,043	1,043		
Applications in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—			
Total, . . . . .	—	2,521	Total disposed of, . . . . .	2,375

† The first notice of application to the Court, asking the decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW IRELAND ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1893,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	22	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	23
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	30	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	3	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	3
Total, . . .	55	Total disposed of, . . .	—	55

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1893.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	13		Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	2	
" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	13	" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	2
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	9	
" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	3	" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	9
			Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	3	
			" in month of Jan., 1896, . . .	—	3
Total, . . .	—	16	Total disposed of, . . .	—	14

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1895, . . .	4,060	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	3,423	
" in January, 1896, . . .	16	" in Jan., 1896, . . .	14	3,437
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, . . .	349	
		" in Jan., 1896, . . .	3	372
Total, . . .	4,066	Total disposed of, . . .	—	3,808

## VI.—APPEALS re FAIR RENTS, &amp;c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	44,439	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	22,821	
" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	85	" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	29	22,850
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	801	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	20,031	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	58	20,089
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	44,340
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	204
Total, . . . . .	44,544	Total, . . . . .	—	44,544

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 &amp; 1886.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	25,443	£ 11,397,163
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	5	361
	25,448	11,397,523
Deduct Applications refused, . . . . .	3,663	1,386,334
	25,886	10,011,189
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	25,583	9,926,877
Loans sanctioned in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	6	471
	25,589	9,927,348
Loans issued to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	25,080	9,912,394
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	28	6,088
	25,108	9,918,482

## VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	7,337	2,511,832		£
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	108	48,693		£
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	2,667	680,696	7,645	2,561,525
Loans applied for in January, 1896, . . . . .	76	23,446		
			2,733	703,142
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st January, 1896, . . . . .	—	—	10,378	3,264,667
Less applications refused to 31st January, 1896, . . . . .	340	243,647		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st January, 1896, . . . . .	714	188,262	1,354	431,909
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	6,900	2,132,301	9,134	2,832,758
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	107	30,305		
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	1,319	345,507	6,397	2,162,304
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	7	1,563		
			1,326	347,130
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	—	7,723	2,600,724
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st January, 1896, . . . . .	71	42,815		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates, by Order of Court to 31st January, 1896, . . . . .	105	46,263	176	89,178
Loans issued to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	5,137	1,778,187	7547	2,420,548
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	89	29,441		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	1,093	268,082	5,246	1,807,605
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	7	1,563		
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	91	53,933	1,100	269,563
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	2	2,035	83	55,968
			8,399	2,133,171

## IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	887	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	158	
" in January, 1896, . . . . .	7	Deduct applications recorded under this head subsequently resilted to have a Fair Rent fixed by Order of Court, . . . . .	2	
			134	
		Number received in January, 1896, . . . . .	—	
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	734	134
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	17	751
				885
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired, . . . . .	—	9
Total, . . . . .	894	Total, . . . . .	—	894

\* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a) page 2.

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1896.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1896.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	29,297		Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	16,742	
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	71		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	24	
		29,368	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	3,793	16,766
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	4,150		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	4	
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	5		Applications withdrawn* to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	433	3,797
		4,155	" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	1	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	2,382		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	10,737	456
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	10		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	33	
		2,392			10,769
Total, . . . . .	—	55,915	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	31,785

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	55		Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	—	
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	14		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	
			Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	—	—
			" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	
			Applications withdrawn* to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	—	—
			" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	—	—
			" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	38	
Total, . . . . .	69		Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	38

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.



## (b.) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 53, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	7,208
Do., do. in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	2
Total, . . . . .	7,210

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	202	
Applications received to 31st December, 1895, . . . . .	554		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	262
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	4	558	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	36	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	3		Transferred in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	36
Applications received in month of January, 1896, . . . . .	—	3			
Total, . . . . .	—	561	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	298

\* The first series of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

### III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1896,† . . . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	4	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1896, . . . . .	—	—
Total, . . . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1896.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING  
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st December, 1895, " in month of Jan., 1896,	22	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	3	3
	—	" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	4	4
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	1	1
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1895, . . . . .	3	3
		" in month of Jan., 1896,	—	
Total, . . . . .	22	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	11

Irish Land Commission, }  
17th February, 1896. }

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